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Highlights

Missouri unemployment edged down further in October, dropping to 5.3 percent of the labor force from 5.4 percent in September. The rate had been 5.2 percent in October 1992.

Statewide payroll employment growth appears to be accelerating after slowing between February and August. The October estimate was 2,377,700 jobs, about 10,000 higher than in September and 29,700 above the October 1992 estimate. In the goods-producing sector, growth in construction employment offset the effect of continuing losses in transportation equipment manufacturing. Growth continued to be concentrated in the service-producing sector, especially in local government and in health and business services. Most of the other service industries also added jobs over the year, as did the transportation, retail trade, finance, and local government sectors.

The St. Louis MSA unemployment rate declined from 5.8 percent in September to 5.6 percent in October, the third improvement in the last four months. Nonfarm payroll jobs continued a slow increase; improved weather conditions and economic recovery have created new employment opportunities in construction, retail trade, finance and services. Transportation equipment losses continue to eliminate any chance of manufacturing employment growth in the near future. For the average job seeker, obtaining new employment is still a difficult and long process, despite the employment growth over the past year.

Unemployment in the Kansas City area inched down for the third straight month from 5.0 percent in September to 4.8 percent in October. The temporary slump that normally occurs in October was averted by the continued expansion in construction employment, schools, and retail trade. Nonfarm payroll employment edged up by a modest (but unexpected) 2,000 jobs, compared to the average October decline of more than 1,000 jobs. Over the year, payroll employment has increased by more than 9,500 jobs. Despite this improvement in the jobs total, the unemployment rate persisted at levels above 1992 totals, standing at three tenths of a percentage point higher than it did in October 1992.

The Springfield MSA unemployment rate remained at 4.1 percent in October; the rate had been 4.5 percent a year earlier. Payroll employment grew by 1,000 jobs in October. Much of the change reflected seasonal increases at area schools and colleges, but manufacturing employment also increased by 400 jobs. Over the past year, nonfarm payrolls have grown by 4,600 jobs, the vast majority in the service-producing sector.

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Civilian Labor Force, Employment, Unemployment and Unemployment Rates

County/Labor Market Area	Current Month - October 1993 (Preliminary)				Previous Month - September 1993 (Revised)				One Year Ago - October 1992 (Benchmarked)			
	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
U.S. (000)	128,714	119,928	8,786	6.8	127,975	119,457	8,517	6.7	127,066	117,687	9,379	7.4
Missouri	2,750,197	2,595,770	154,427	5.6	2,729,924	2,576,093	153,831	5.6	2,681,435	2,530,619	150,816	5.6
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
U.S. (000)	128,547	120,446	8,101	6.3	127,858	119,730	8,128	6.4	126,846	118,246	8,600	6.8
Missouri	2,735,247	2,589,824	145,423	5.3	2,711,346	2,564,260	147,086	5.4	2,666,818	2,529,019	137,799	5.2
St. Louis MSA	1,268,805	1,198,367	70,438	5.6	1,261,845	1,188,425	73,420	5.8	1,258,467	1,193,379	65,088	5.2
Kansas City MSA	880,928	838,390	42,538	4.8	877,027	833,580	43,447	5.0	858,497	820,020	38,477	4.5
Springfield MSA	141,983	136,130	5,853	4.1	139,988	134,260	5,728	4.1	137,599	131,377	6,222	4.5
Joplin MSA	79,163	75,423	3,740	4.7	77,639	73,709	3,930	5.1	76,054	72,248	3,806	5.0
Columbia MSA	75,624	73,382	2,242	3.0	75,359	73,203	2,156	2.9	73,379	71,329	2,050	2.8
St. Joseph MSA	44,532	41,344	3,188	7.2	43,682	40,305	3,377	7.7	43,803	41,164	2,639	6.0
Marion/Ralls LMA	20,509	19,534	975	4.8	20,509	19,486	1,023	5.0	18,949	18,063	886	4.7
Cole/Osage LMA	45,361	43,865	1,496	3.3	45,214	43,675	1,539	3.4	43,588	42,066	1,522	3.5
Adair/Schuyler LMA	15,469	14,926	543	3.5	14,375	13,843	532	3.7	14,185	13,779	406	2.9
COUNTIES:												
Andrew	7,214	6,763	451	6.3	7,370	6,911	459	6.2	7,585	7,243	342	4.5
Atchison	2,950	2,847	103	3.5	2,850	2,737	113	4.0	3,107	2,986	121	3.9
Audrain	11,363	10,805	558	4.9	11,125	10,574	551	5.0	10,625	10,122	503	4.7
Barry	14,747	14,037	710	4.8	14,669	13,934	735	5.0	14,747	14,080	667	4.5
Barton	6,523	6,309	214	3.3	6,469	6,275	194	3.0	5,929	5,729	200	3.4
Bates	6,930	6,406	524	7.6	6,811	6,359	452	6.6	6,712	6,319	393	5.9
Benton	5,926	5,462	464	7.8	5,960	5,570	390	6.5	5,741	5,362	379	6.6
Bollinger	4,228	3,931	297	7.0	4,153	3,877	276	6.6	4,343	4,039	304	7.0
Butler	18,750	17,472	1,278	6.8	18,320	17,179	1,141	6.2	17,844	16,714	1,130	6.3
Caldwell	3,352	3,134	218	6.5	3,215	2,994	221	6.9	3,313	3,081	232	7.0
Callaway	15,983	15,257	726	4.5	16,001	15,275	726	4.5	15,877	15,121	756	4.8
Camden	16,830	15,887	943	5.6	18,061	17,238	823	4.6	15,663	14,749	914	5.8
Cape Girardeau	38,249	36,745	1,504	3.9	37,829	36,419	1,410	3.7	36,235	34,868	1,367	3.8
Carroll	4,708	4,333	375	8.0	4,589	4,191	398	8.7	4,402	4,128	274	6.2
Carter	2,211	1,990	221	10.0	2,217	2,016	201	9.1	2,056	1,897	159	7.7
Cedar	4,920	4,669	251	5.1	4,767	4,504	263	5.5	4,697	4,440	257	5.5
Chariton	4,522	4,202	320	7.1	4,360	4,028	332	7.6	4,465	4,168	297	6.7
Clark	3,987	3,783	204	5.1	3,992	3,736	256	6.4	4,154	4,002	152	3.7
Clinton	7,944	7,572	372	4.7	7,860	7,484	376	4.8	7,781	7,416	365	4.7
Cooper	7,797	7,386	411	5.3	7,793	7,417	376	4.8	7,706	7,286	420	5.5
Crawford	11,597	10,733	864	7.5	11,503	10,676	827	7.2	10,544	9,731	813	7.7
Dade	3,366	3,226	140	4.2	3,192	3,065	127	4.0	3,208	3,041	167	5.2
Dallas	4,534	4,153	381	8.4	4,355	3,973	382	8.8	4,255	3,879	376	8.8
Daviess	3,939	3,695	244	6.2	3,863	3,630	233	6.0	3,915	3,694	221	5.6
DeKalb	4,450	4,239	211	4.7	4,433	4,207	226	5.1	4,239	4,044	195	4.6
Dent	6,768	6,303	465	6.9	6,611	6,208	403	6.1	6,366	5,936	430	6.8
Douglas	5,140	4,862	278	5.4	4,939	4,653	286	5.8	4,729	4,418	311	6.6
Dunklin	14,349	13,310	1,039	7.2	13,910	12,868	1,042	7.5	14,177	13,194	983	6.9
Gasconade	7,494	7,037	457	6.1	7,474	6,930	544	7.3	7,790	7,222	568	7.3
Gentry	3,050	2,905	145	4.8	2,955	2,837	118	4.0	2,846	2,736	110	3.9
Grundy	5,661	5,369	292	5.2	5,388	5,107	281	5.2	5,281	4,998	283	5.4
Harrison	4,542	4,386	156	3.4	4,471	4,291	180	4.0	4,368	4,233	135	3.1
Henry	8,969	8,369	600	6.7	8,814	8,236	578	6.6	8,586	7,996	590	6.9
Hickory	3,064	2,857	207	6.8	3,117	2,901	216	6.9	3,026	2,832	194	6.4
Holt	2,573	2,456	117	4.5	2,531	2,391	140	5.5	2,366	2,265	101	4.3

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Howard	4,707	4,496	211	4.5	4,690	4,499	191	4.1	4,762	4,559	203	4.3
Howell	16,136	15,175	961	6.0	15,647	14,788	859	5.5	15,178	14,302	876	5.8
Iron	2,713	2,357	356	13.1	2,692	2,346	346	12.9	2,681	2,264	417	15.6
Johnson	21,700	20,861	839	3.9	21,454	20,616	838	3.9	20,728	19,912	816	3.9
Knox	1,925	1,806	119	6.2	1,781	1,691	90	5.1	1,797	1,712	85	4.7
Laclede	13,717	12,837	880	6.4	13,586	12,722	864	6.4	13,125	12,242	883	6.7
Lawrence	14,616	13,809	807	5.5	14,234	13,437	797	5.6	14,753	13,999	754	5.1
Lewis	5,153	4,866	287	5.6	5,053	4,728	325	6.4	4,885	4,586	299	6.1
Lincoln	15,013	13,783	1,230	8.2	15,072	13,733	1,339	8.9	14,975	13,933	1,042	7.0
Linn	7,202	6,363	839	11.6	7,027	6,278	749	10.7	6,855	6,101	754	11.0
Livingston	7,254	6,891	363	5.0	7,044	6,714	330	4.7	6,731	6,483	248	3.7
McDonald	10,012	9,610	402	4.0	9,935	9,525	410	4.1	10,337	9,897	440	4.3
Macon	9,000	8,435	565	6.3	8,863	8,255	608	6.9	8,604	8,217	387	4.5
Madison	4,530	4,103	427	9.4	4,376	4,003	373	8.5	4,703	4,156	547	11.6
Maries	3,697	3,435	262	7.1	4,126	3,843	283	6.9	4,313	3,895	418	9.7
Mercer	1,833	1,750	83	4.5	1,697	1,612	85	5.0	1,487	1,419	68	4.6
Miller	8,991	8,267	724	8.1	8,852	8,214	638	7.2	8,808	8,018	790	9.0
Mississippi	7,550	6,984	566	7.5	7,538	6,944	594	7.9	6,943	6,273	670	9.7
Moniteau	6,553	6,222	331	5.1	6,586	6,227	359	5.5	6,848	6,414	434	6.3
Monroe	5,370	5,124	246	4.6	5,151	4,920	231	4.5	4,879	4,662	217	4.4
Montgomery	5,428	5,125	303	5.6	5,390	5,065	325	6.0	5,144	4,823	321	6.2
Morgan	7,884	7,392	492	6.2	8,242	7,811	431	5.2	7,607	7,056	551	7.2
New Madrid	9,853	9,196	657	6.7	9,704	9,029	675	7.0	10,426	9,748	678	6.5
Nodaway	12,091	11,712	379	3.1	11,873	11,520	353	3.0	11,864	11,596	268	2.3
Oregon	4,213	3,985	228	5.4	4,075	3,872	203	5.0	3,973	3,745	228	5.7
Ozark	3,739	3,557	182	4.9	3,729	3,549	180	4.8	3,568	3,395	173	4.8
Pemiscot	9,212	8,378	834	9.1	8,964	8,135	829	9.2	9,523	8,825	698	7.3
Perry	10,583	10,095	488	4.6	10,382	9,817	565	5.4	10,951	10,486	465	4.2
Pettis	20,481	18,909	1,572	7.7	19,734	18,517	1,217	6.2	19,148	18,109	1,039	5.4
Phelps	17,569	16,721	848	4.8	17,380	16,534	846	4.9	17,438	16,569	869	5.0
Pike	7,965	7,432	533	6.7	7,884	7,313	571	7.2	7,847	7,386	461	5.9
Polk	12,496	11,956	540	4.3	12,036	11,555	481	4.0	11,735	11,178	557	4.7
Pulaski	13,293	12,258	1,035	7.8	13,071	12,115	956	7.3	13,223	12,286	937	7.1
Putnam	2,262	2,152	110	4.9	2,174	2,072	102	4.7	2,136	2,071	65	3.0
Randolph	11,249	10,497	752	6.7	11,057	10,336	721	6.5	10,623	10,022	601	5.7
Reynolds	2,356	2,170	186	7.9	2,324	2,161	163	7.0	2,290	2,103	187	8.2
Ripley	4,841	4,439	402	8.3	4,640	4,269	371	8.0	4,534	4,198	336	7.4
St. Clair	3,893	3,656	237	6.1	3,731	3,507	224	6.0	3,656	3,436	220	6.0
Ste. Genevieve	7,119	6,694	425	6.0	7,011	6,527	484	6.9	6,465	6,076	389	6.0
St. Francois	23,334	21,492	1,842	7.9	23,222	21,363	1,859	8.0	22,652	20,877	1,775	7.8
Saline	11,438	10,857	581	5.1	11,339	10,722	617	5.4	10,535	9,865	670	6.4
Scotland	2,446	2,354	92	3.8	2,373	2,292	81	3.4	2,246	2,153	93	4.1
Scott	18,694	17,382	1,312	7.0	18,788	17,447	1,341	7.1	18,352	17,068	1,284	7.0
Shannon	3,574	3,333	241	6.7	3,622	3,341	281	7.8	3,502	3,202	300	8.6
Shelby	3,890	3,729	161	4.1	3,777	3,611	166	4.4	3,665	3,536	129	3.5
Stoddard	13,855	12,820	1,035	7.5	13,628	12,619	1,009	7.4	14,338	13,376	962	6.7
Stone	11,288	10,637	651	5.8	11,544	10,883	661	5.7	9,322	8,760	562	6.0
Sullivan	3,824	3,677	147	3.8	3,673	3,542	131	3.6	3,547	3,422	125	3.5
Taney	25,160	24,224	936	3.7	25,525	24,691	834	3.3	19,620	18,802	818	4.2
Texas	9,232	8,184	1,048	11.4	9,172	8,138	1,034	11.3	9,408	8,372	1,036	11.0
Vernon	9,030	8,561	469	5.2	8,706	8,372	334	3.8	8,811	8,456	355	4.0
Warren	10,549	9,818	731	6.9	10,529	9,700	829	7.9	10,445	9,785	660	6.3
Washington	6,497	5,632	865	13.3	6,491	5,585	906	14.0	6,702	5,764	938	14.0
Wayne	4,958	4,340	618	12.5	4,937	4,331	606	12.3	5,151	4,606	545	10.6
Webster	11,409	10,710	699	6.1	11,281	10,602	679	6.0	10,757	9,975	782	7.3
Worth	1,244	1,187	57	4.6	1,200	1,154	46	3.8	1,168	1,120	48	4.1
Wright	7,992	7,383	609	7.6	7,955	7,340	615	7.7	7,093	6,528	565	8.0

Missouri Labor Market Review

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Missouri Employment and Unemployment Conditions

Missouri unemployment edged down further in October, dropping to 5.3 percent of the labor force. The rate had been 5.4 percent in September and was 5.2 percent in October 1992. Even on a seasonally adjusted basis, the rate has been quite volatile this year, but it has now dropped from its peak in June to the lowest point this year. About 145,400 Missourians were estimated to have been unemployed in September, compared to 147,100 a month earlier and 137,800 a year ago. Total employment continues to vary greatly. The October estimate of 2,589,800 was about 25,500 higher than in the previous month and 60,800 above the October 1992 estimate.

Payroll employment growth appears to be accelerating after slowing between February and August. Seasonally adjusted employment has grown in the past two months, nearly reaching the level attained in February. The October estimate of payroll employment (not seasonally adjusted) was 2,377,700 jobs, about 10,000 higher than in September and 29,700 above the October 1992 estimate. Construction growth continued to be strong, with employment increasing by 5,300 jobs in the past 12 months. Manufacturing employment dropped by an identical amount, with most of the declines occurring in the transportation equipment industry. Growth continued to be concentrated in the service-producing sector, especially in local government and in health and business services. Most of the other service industries also added jobs over the year, as did the transportation, retail trade, finance, and local government sectors.

The factory workweek climbed to 41.9 hours in October, its highest level of the year. Most industries reported increases. Average hourly earnings dipped by 14 cents, however, to $11.55. The higher workweek did raise average hourly earnings by $1.15 to $483.95, an increase of 0.2 percent. Average hourly earnings increased by 5.6 per cent from October 1992 to October 1993.

Both hours and earnings were up in construction. Average weekly hours increased by 1.5 hours to 38.2 in October, while average weekly earnings were up $27.35 to $668.50. The weekly figure represents a gain of 3.2 percent from October 1992.

Hours and earnings in the private service-producing sector were little different from September. Average weekly earnings of $302.53 represent a gain of 4.2 percent over the past 12 months.

National Economic and Labor Market Conditions

Overall, national labor market conditions appeared to be improving in October. Although the unemployment rate actually edged up a tenth of a point to 6.8 percent, the October figure equaled the average for the previous three months and represents a significant improvement over year-ago figures.

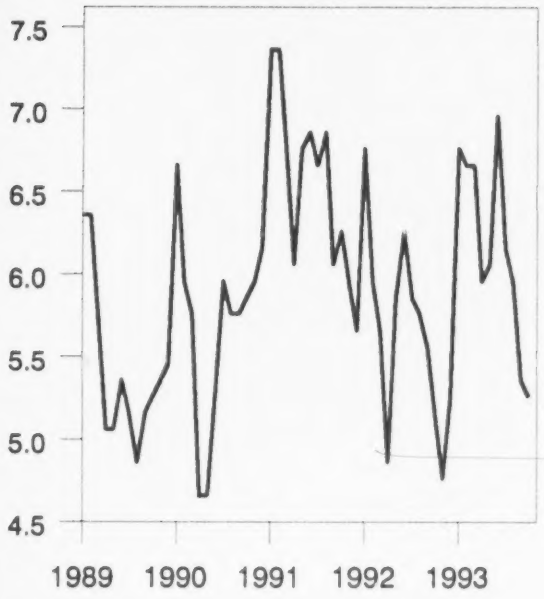
Both the household and establishment surveys showed employment growth in October. The largest payroll employment gain was in business services, primarily the personnel supply component, but health services employment continued to grow as well. Construction employment picked up in October, following a summer marked by little change.

Manufacturing employment changed little in October, following a seven-month period in which employment dropped by more than 250,000. The next few months of data should reveal whether manufacturing employment has finally bottomed out.

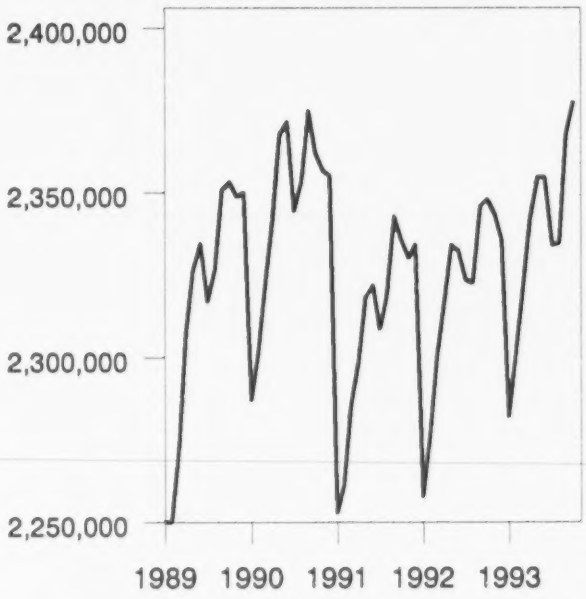
Outlook

Economic conditions seem to be improving. Economic growth was up in the third quarter, and analysts believe the fourth quarter, without the drag of Midwest floods and Southeast drought, will be even stronger. A strong improvement in labor market conditions, an increase in the goverment's index of leading economic indicators (the third consecutive gain), and a large increase in consumer confidence in November also bode well for improving economic conditions. Seasonal increases in unemployment and decreases in employment may well dominate labor market developments in upcoming months, especially January.

Missouri Unemployment Rate



Missouri Payroll Employment



Explanatory Notes

All data in this publication are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Data. Labor force data are estimates of the number of people who are either employed or unemployed, on a place-of-residence basis. Data for 1993 are preliminary, while 1992 data are benchmarked.

- Total Employment represents the number of employed civilians, including self-employment and agricultural employment.
- Unemployment represents the number of people who are not employed but are looking for work.
- Civilian Labor Force is the sum of employment and unemployment.
- Unemployment Rate is the number unemployed expressed as a percentage of the labor force.

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment data are place-of-work estimates of the number of jobs, based on a survey of establishments. The data have been adjusted to the March 1992 benchmark. Data are available for all employees on nonfarm payrolls, for the number of production or nonsupervisory workers on private nonfarm payrolls, and for average hours and earnings of production workers. Seasonally adjusted employment data for major industry groups are published for Missouri.

Areas. Labor Market Reviews cover the state and its three largest metropolitan areas. MSA definitions are those in effect prior to December 31, 1992.

- The St. Louis MSA includes the City of St. Louis plus St. Louis, Franklin, Jefferson, and St. Charles counties in Missouri and Clinton, Jersey, Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair counties in Illinois.
- The Kansas City MSA includes Jackson, Cass, Clay, Lafayette, Platte, and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson, Leavenworth, Miami, and Wyandotte counties in Kansas.
- The Springfield MSA includes Greene and Christian counties.

Item	Number of Jobs			Change from:	
	Oct. 1993[p]	Sept. 1993	Oct. 1992	Sept. 1993	Oct. 1992
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	2,353,400	2,338,200	2,323,900	15,200	29,500
MINING	4,400	4,300	4,900	100	-500
CONSTRUCTION	97,300	94,700	92,100	2,600	5,200
MANUFACTURING	401,200	398,900	406,500	2,300	-5,300
DURABLE GOODS	213,100	211,300	219,000	1,800	-5,900
NONDURABLE GOODS	188,100	187,600	187,500	500	600
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	152,900	153,400	150,400	-500	2,500
TRADE	556,400	555,100	553,500	1,300	2,900
WHOLESALE TRADE	137,800	138,000	138,100	-200	-300
RETAIL TRADE	418,600	417,100	415,400	1,500	3,200
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	138,100	137,800	136,500	300	1,600
SERVICES	621,800	614,300	606,700	7,500	15,100
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	381,300	379,700	373,300	1,600	8,000
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	2,377,700	2,367,700	2,348,000	10,000	29,700
GOODS PRODUCING	509,400	507,700	509,900	1,700	-500
MINING	4,500	4,500	5,000	0	-500
CONSTRUCTION	102,200	100,100	96,900	2,100	5,300
General Building Contractors	26,100	25,600	25,100	500	1,000
Heavy Construction	13,700	13,600	12,800	100	900
Special Trade Contractors	62,400	60,900	59,000	1,500	3,400
MANUFACTURING	402,700	403,100	408,000	-400	-5,300
DURABLE GOODS	214,600	214,500	220,500	100	-5,900
Lumber & Wood Products	10,900	11,000	11,000	-100	-100
Furniture & Fixtures	13,600	13,800	13,500	-200	100
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,200	10,300	10,000	-100	200
Primary Metal Industries	10,900	10,800	11,000	100	-100
Fabricated Metal Products	32,300	32,000	32,800	300	-500
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	32,800	32,700	31,600	100	1,200
Electronic & Other ElectricalEquipment	30,800	30,500	30,200	300	600
Transportation Equipment	55,000	55,200	61,000	-200	-6,000
Motor vehicles & equipment	24,300	24,400	26,100	-100	-1,800
Aircraft & parts	25,600	25,700	28,600	-100	-3,000
Instruments & Related Products	10,500	10,700	11,600	-200	-1,100
NONDURABLE GOODS	188,100	188,600	187,500	-500	600
Food & Kindred Products	49,900	50,000	49,300	-100	600
Beverages	9,500	9,500	9,400	0	100
Textile Mill Products & Apparel	23,100	23,300	22,400	-200	700
Paper & Allied Products	13,700	13,900	13,800	-200	-100
Printing & Publishing	42,400	42,500	42,400	-100	0
Chemicals & Allied Products	28,800	28,900	29,400	-100	-600
Leather & Leather Products	10,600	10,700	11,100	-100	-500
SERVICE PRODUCING	1,868,300	1,860,000	1,838,100	8,300	30,200
PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING	1,481,100	1,481,700	1,458,900	-600	22,200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	154,500	155,500	152,000	-1,000	2,500
Railroad Transportation	8,800	8,800	9,000	0	-200
Trucking & Warehousing	50,400	50,600	48,300	-200	2,100
Transportation by Air	17,500	17,600	17,800	-100	-300
Communications	35,400	36,000	35,800	-600	-400
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Service	20,200	20,300	20,500	-100	-300
TRADE	560,400	562,800	557,600	-2,400	2,800
WHOLESALE TRADE	139,300	139,000	139,600	300	-300
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	78,800	78,700	78,800	100	0
Motor vehicles, parts & supplies	12,400	12,400	12,400	0	0
Lumber & construction materials	4,800	4,900	4,500	-100	300
Professional & commercial equipment	13,500	13,800	15,000	-300	-1,500
Electrical goods	8,900	8,800	8,600	100	300
Hardware, plumbing & heating equipment	6,600	6,600	6,100	0	500
Machinery, equipment & supplies	18,600	18,500	18,000	100	600
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	60,500	60,300	60,800	200	-300
Groceries & related	18,100	18,100	18,000	0	100
Petroleum & petroleum products	4,600	4,800	4,900	-200	-300
Beer, wine & distilled beverages	3,100	3,100	3,100	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	421,100	423,800	418,000	-2,700	3,100
Building materials & garden supplies	18,400	18,400	18,100	0	300
General merchandise stores	57,900	57,500	56,900	400	1,000
Food stores	60,600	60,300	59,800	300	800
Automotive dealers/service stations	52,700	52,800	51,300	-100	1,400
Apparel & accessory stores	22,100	22,000	22,400	100	-300
Furniture & homefurnishing stores	15,200	15,300	14,900	-100	300
Eating & drinking places	152,300	155,700	151,800	-3,400	500

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment *(Continued)*

Missouri (Statewide)

Item	Number of Jobs			Change from:	
	Oct. 1993P	Sept. 1993	Oct. 1992	Sept. 1993	Oct. 1992
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	138,400	138,600	136,700	-200	1,700
Depository Institutions	46,000	45,900	45,200	100	800
Nondepository Institutions	8,800	8,700	8,200	100	600
Security & Commodity Brokers	14,100	14,000	12,700	100	1,400
Insurance Carriers	30,000	30,000	30,700	0	-700
Insurance Agents, Brokers	13,000	13,000	13,200	0	-200
Real Estate	22,400	22,900	22,400	-500	0
Holding & Other Investment Offices	4,100	4,100	4,300	0	-200
SERVICES	627,800	624,800	612,600	3,000	15,200
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	28,300	28,900	28,800	-600	-500
Personal Services	27,200	27,400	26,500	-200	700
Business Services	103,700	101,500	100,200	2,200	3,500
Auto Repair, Services, Parking	20,500	20,400	19,300	100	1,200
Amusement & Recreation Services / Movie	30,800	32,900	31,500	-2,100	-700
Health Services	212,000	211,600	205,800	400	6,200
Hospitals (private)	101,200	101,100	99,700	100	1,500
Legal Services	15,000	15,000	14,700	0	300
Educational Services (private)	46,200	44,100	44,300	2,100	1,900
Social Services	44,300	44,200	42,700	100	1,600
Membership Organizations	45,200	44,100	44,800	1,100	400
Engineering & Management Services	36,000	35,900	35,600	100	400
Agricultural Services	10,400	10,600	10,200	-200	200
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	387,200	378,300	379,200	8,900	8,000
TOTAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	68,300	68,500	69,500	-200	-1,200
TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT	94,600	93,800	92,700	800	1,900
TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT	224,300	216,000	217,000	8,300	7,300

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Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings

Missouri (Statewide)

Industry	Production Workers			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			Average Weekly Earnings		
	Oct 1993P	Sept 1993	Oct 1992	Oct 1993P	Sept 1993	Oct 1992	Oct 1993P	Sept 1993	Oct 1992	Oct 1993P	Sept 1993	Oct 1992
GOODS PRODUCING	367,000	365,100	363,000	41.1	40.4	39.9	$12.80	$12.84	$12.54	$526.08	$518.74	$500.35
CONSTRUCTION	82,000	79,300	76,500	38.2	36.7	37.5	17.50	17.47	17.27	668.50	641.15	647.63
MANUFACTURING	281,400	282,300	282,700	41.9	41.3	40.5	11.55	11.69	11.32	483.95	482.80	458.46
DURABLE GOODS	150,200	150,300	153,500	42.8	42.0	41.2	12.34	12.56	12.34	528.15	527.52	508.41
Lumber & Wood Products	8,400	8,600	8,600	38.0	37.8	39.3	8.09	8.32	7.68	307.42	314.50	301.82
Furniture & Fixtures	10,600	10,800	10,700	42.5	39.4	40.2	8.90	9.27	8.69	378.25	365.24	349.34
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7,900	7,900	7,800	43.3	43.7	42.7	12.45	13.04	12.12	539.08	569.85	517.52
Primary Metal Industries	8,100	8,100	8,600	45.4	46.0	43.2	12.97	13.02	12.55	588.84	598.92	542.16
Fabricated Metal Products	22,500	22,300	22,400	42.8	41.4	41.5	12.11	12.67	11.84	518.31	524.54	491.36
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	22,900	23,100	21,900	42.3	41.9	40.5	11.56	11.77	11.41	488.99	493.16	462.11
Electronic & Other Electrical Eqp	24,100	23,800	23,600	42.2	40.9	38.6	9.33	9.40	9.43	393.73	384.46	364.00
Transportation Equipment	35,200	35,500	37,900	44.6	43.9	43.1	17.45	17.47	17.68	778.27	766.93	762.01
Motor vehicles & equipment	21,000	21,300	22,700	46.3	45.2	43.7	17.77	17.78	17.62	822.75	803.66	769.99
Instruments & Related Products	4,700	4,700	5,700	41.5	40.6	40.2	10.77	10.90	10.92	446.96	442.54	438.98
NONDURABLE GOODS	131,200	132,000	129,200	40.9	40.6	39.6	10.62	10.66	10.07	434.36	432.80	398.77
Food & Kindred Products	37,600	37,900	37,500	41.2	40.7	39.0	10.75	10.79	10.16	442.90	439.15	396.24
Beverages	3,800	4,100	4,100	33.8	35.4	39.2	22.17	22.31	19.65	749.35	789.77	770.28
Textile Mill Products & Apparel	20,500	20,700	19,600	35.0	35.8	37.0	7.08	6.96	6.79	247.80	249.17	251.23
Paper & Allied Products	11,200	11,400	11,300	45.4	42.7	42.1	11.08	11.24	10.66	503.03	479.95	448.79
Chemicals & Allied Products	14,700	14,700	13,500	48.0	48.5	43.8	14.91	14.76	13.89	715.68	715.86	608.38
Leather & Leather Products	9,700	9,800	10,200	36.2	35.9	34.9	7.20	7.09	6.65	260.64	254.53	232.09
PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING	1,228,000	1,228,000	1,204,200	32.6	32.5	32.3	9.28	9.31	8.99	302.53	302.58	290.38
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILS	117,200	117,600	114,000	39.4	39.0	40.0	12.83	13.02	12.28	505.50	507.78	491.20
TRADE	490,500	492,200	487,700	31.9	31.8	31.2	8.03	8.06	7.82	256.16	256.31	243.98
WHOLESALE TRADE	114,900	114,500	113,500	39.8	39.4	40.3	11.11	11.19	10.57	442.18	440.89	425.97
Wholesale Trade - Durable Gds	63,400	63,200	62,200	40.0	39.7	39.6	11.70	11.65	11.22	468.00	462.51	444.31
Wholesale Trade - Nondur Gds	51,500	51,300	51,300	39.5	39.0	41.1	10.37	10.61	9.81	409.62	413.79	403.19
RETAIL TRADE	375,600	377,700	374,200	29.4	29.5	28.4	6.76	6.79	6.63	198.74	200.31	188.29
FINANCE, INSURANCE,PEAL ESTATE	103,500	103,300	99,000	36.7	36.3	36.7	10.62	10.44	10.23	389.75	378.97	375.44
SERVICES	516,800	514,900	503,500	30.9	30.9	30.8	9.16	9.19	8.89	283.04	283.97	273.81

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St. Louis Labor Market Review

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Area Labor Force Developments

The St. Louis MSA unemployment rate declined from 5.8 percent in September to 5.6 percent in October, the third improvement in the last four months. Nonfarm payroll jobs continued a slow increase; improved weather conditions and economic recovery have created new employment opportunities in construction, retail trade, finance and services. Layoffs continued in motor vehicles and communications, but other sectors of the local economy compensated for that job loss. Unfortunately, a significant amount of these new jobs have occurred in low-paying retail industries or in temporary help and contract employment agencies. More permanent full-time jobs, coupled with faster national economic growth, are still needed to raise the rate of employment gains in the metropolitan area. Over the year, unemployment rose 5,200. The unemployment rate in October 1992 was 5.2 percent. Nonfarm payroll jobs increased 7,400 from October 1992 to October 1993. Transportation equipment losses continue to eliminate any chance of manufacturing employment growth in the near future. Construction and mining were only 400 below last year's levels. All other major industries reported gains. Despite the small rise in total unemployment, the number of unemployed collecting regular unemployment benefits continued to drop, reaching its lowest level in four years. This indicator points to a declining incidence of new unemployment due to layoffs. An increase in total unemployment at the same time that layoffs decrease and jobs expand suggests that people are re-entering the labor force in search of work, but the average length of unemployment is still high. For the average job seeker, obtaining new employment is still a difficult and long process, despite the employment growth over the past year.

Manufacturing

Manufacturing employment declined by 500 over the month. Seasonal declines occurred in lumber and food. Small layoffs affected fabricated metals and transportation equipment. Over the year, manufacturing lost 6,100 jobs. Layoffs and plant closures had the biggest impact on furniture, fabricated metals, transportation equipment and chemicals. Food continued to outperform all other manufacturing sectors, gaining 500 jobs during the past 12 months.

Nonmanufacturing

Nonmanufacturing employment rose by 6,200 over the month. Seasonal gains occurred in public and private education and in membership organizations. Temporary help agencies continued to grow, creating an additional 900 jobs in business services. Increased activity in new and refinanced mortgages was responsible for 200 new jobs in finance. Construction employment rose 700 due to an unusual (but encouraging) increase in building activity for October. Seasonal declines were reported in restaurants and recreation services. Over the year, nonmanufacturing rose 13,500. Services accounted for 63 percent of this growth, and retail trade created an additional 22 percent of the new nonmanufacturing jobs.

Unemployment Rate Outlook

Construction activity is expected to remain strong, but most other industries will register normal seasonal movements in November. These seasonal influences should cause declines in recreation services and restaurants and gains in department stores, food stores and apparel retailers. The unemployment rate is expected to be 5.7 percent in November.

Item	Number of Jobs			Change from:	
	Oct. 1993P	Sept. 1993	Oct. 1992	Sept. 1993	Oct. 1992
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	1,174,600	1,168,900	1,167,200	5,700	7,400
GOODS PRODUCING	244,500	244,300	251,000	200	-6,500
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	52,100	51,400	52,500	700	-400
General Building Contractors	12,100	11,800	12,100	300	0
Special Trade Contractors	32,100	31,800	32,100	300	0
MANUFACTURING	192,400	192,900	198,500	-500	-6,100
DURABLE GOODS	113,600	114,200	119,700	-600	-6,100
Lumber, Wood, Furniture	5,100	5,200	5,500	-100	-400
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2,600	2,600	2,700	0	-100
Primary Metal Industries	12,700	12,800	12,700	-100	0
Fabricated Metal Products	15,500	15,700	15,900	-200	-400
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	17,200	17,200	17,300	0	-100
Electronic & Other ElectricalEquipment	10,200	10,100	10,100	100	100
Transportation Equipment	38,900	39,200	43,600	-300	-4,700
Motor vehicles & equipment	11,700	11,800	12,700	-100	-1,000
Aircraft & parts	24,400	24,500	27,300	-100	-2,900
Instruments & Related Products	8,100	8,200	8,400	-100	-300
NONDURABLE GOODS	78,800	78,700	78,800	100	0
Food & Kindred Products	20,600	20,800	20,100	-200	500
Beverages	8,500	8,500	8,400	0	100
Textiles, Apparel, & Leather	7,200	7,300	7,100	-100	100
Paper & Allied Products	5,700	5,600	5,700	100	0
Printing & Publishing	17,000	16,900	17,100	100	-100
Chemicals & Allied Products	18,300	18,300	18,700	0	-400
Petroleum,Coal,Plastics Products	10,000	9,900	10,000	100	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	930,100	924,600	916,200	5,500	13,900
PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING	779,800	777,600	767,000	2,200	12,800
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	78,900	79,000	78,100	-100	800
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	28,700	28,800	29,000	-100	-300
Railroad Transportation	4,900	4,900	5,100	0	-200
Trucking & Warehousing	19,500	19,600	18,900	-100	600
Transportation by Air	10,900	11,000	10,800	-100	100
TRADE	279,100	278,900	276,500	200	2,600
WHOLESALE TRADE	66,700	66,900	67,000	-200	-300
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	40,600	40,700	40,600	-100	0
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	26,100	26,200	26,400	-100	-300
RETAIL TRADE	212,400	212,000	209,500	400	2,900
Building materials & garden supplies	8,100	8,000	7,900	100	200
General merchandise stores	30,900	30,600	30,100	300	800
Food stores	31,600	31,800	30,900	-200	700
Automotive dealers/service stations	21,100	21,200	20,800	-100	300
Apparel & accessory stores	13,700	13,400	13,400	300	300
Furniture & homefurnishing stores	9,300	9,100	8,800	200	500
Eating & drinking places	76,100	77,100	75,800	-1,000	300
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	73,500	73,300	72,600	200	900
Depository Institutions	22,900	22,900	22,500	0	400
Nondepository Institutions	6,900	6,700	6,200	200	700
Insurance Carriers	16,200	16,300	16,600	-100	-400
Insurance Agents, Brokers	6,600	6,600	6,700	0	-100
Real Estate	11,500	11,500	11,300	0	200
SERVICES	348,300	346,400	339,800	1,900	8,500
Personal Services	15,500	15,500	15,400	0	100
Business Services	62,800	61,900	60,000	900	2,800
Auto Repair, Services, Parking	11,400	11,300	10,700	100	700
Amusement & Recreation Services / Movie	17,300	18,500	17,800	-1,200	-500
Health Services	112,300	111,900	109,900	400	2,400
Hospitals (private)	58,800	58,700	58,600	100	200
Legal Services	8,400	8,400	8,300	0	100
Educational Services (private)	34,500	33,500	33,600	1,000	900
Social Services	20,900	20,700	19,900	200	1,000
Membership Organizations	20,900	19,800	20,300	1,100	600
Engineering & Management Services	22,400	22,500	22,100	-100	300
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	150,300	147,000	149,200	3,300	1,100
TOTAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	36,000	35,900	36,400	100	-400
TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT	19,600	19,900	19,500	-300	100
TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT	94,700	91,200	93,300	3,500	1,400

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Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings — St. Louis MSA

Industry	Production Workers			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			Average Weekly Earnings		
	Oct 1993P	Sept 1993	Oct 1992	Oct 1993P	Sept 1993	Oct 1992	Oct 1993P	Sept 1993	Oct 1992	Oct 1993P	Sept 1993	Oct 1992
GOODS PRODUCING	158,400	158,400	163,200	41.2	41.0	40.5	$15.02	$15.06	$14.86	$618.82	$617.46	$601.83
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	40,700	39,800	41,400	36.7	36.8	35.4	19.19	19.09	18.80	704.27	702.51	665.52
MANUFACTURING	117,700	118,600	121,800	42.8	42.4	42.2	13.78	13.89	13.74	589.78	588.94	579.83
DURABLE GOODS	70,200	71,200	75,100	43.7	43.2	42.7	14.60	14.75	14.48	638.02	637.20	618.30
Lumber, Wood, Furniture	3,600	3,800	3,900	40.9	39.9	41.9	9.86	10.09	10.17	403.27	402.59	426.12
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1,900	1,900	2,000	45.1	46.3	44.1	13.22	13.32	12.89	596.22	616.72	568.45
Primary Metal Industries	9,400	9,400	9,400	45.3	47.3	41.9	14.00	14.40	13.58	634.20	681.12	569.00
Fabricated Metal Products	11,500	11,600	12,000	42.7	43.1	41.8	13.81	13.80	12.96	589.69	594.78	541.73
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	10,700	11,000	11,200	42.9	40.8	43.3	12.84	13.07	13.10	550.84	533.26	567.23
Electronic & Other Electrical Eqp	6,500	6,400	6,700	43.6	41.7	40.6	9.66	9.76	10.06	421.18	406.99	408.44
Transportation Equipment	20,900	21,200	23,800	45.1	44.6	44.2	19.47	19.40	18.97	878.10	865.24	838.47
Motor vehicles & equipment	10,200	10,300	11,000	46.7	46.1	45.9	18.95	18.86	18.76	884.97	869.45	861.08
Instruments & Related Products	3,400	3,500	3,800	41.7	40.4	40.9	12.31	12.58	12.11	513.33	508.23	495.30
NONDURABLE GOODS	47,500	47,400	46,700	41.5	41.2	41.5	12.50	12.52	12.50	518.75	515.82	518.75
Food & Kindred Products	13,500	13,600	12,700	37.3	37.3	39.4	14.50	14.33	13.98	540.85	534.51	550.81
Textiles, Apparel, & Leather	5,600	5,700	5,300	37.6	36.4	39.6	7.72	7.63	7.62	290.27	277.73	301.75
Paper & Allied Products	4,700	4,600	4,800	47.2	46.5	42.1	12.15	12.04	11.33	573.48	559.86	476.99
Printing & Publishing	10,400	10,300	10,700	42.4	41.5	42.9	12.66	13.06	12.44	536.78	541.99	533.68
Chemicals & Allied Products	6,300	6,200	6,400	48.3	48.4	42.6	13.69	13.61	14.34	661.23	658.72	610.88
Petroleum,Coal,Plastics Products	7,000	7,000	6,900	41.5	42.0	43.0	11.30	11.27	12.65	468.95	473.34	543.95
PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING	640,400	639,300	630,100	31.7	32.0	31.4	10.10	10.07	9.71	320.17	322.24	304.89
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILS	61,200	61,400	59,900	38.9	38.1	38.1	13.64	13.77	13.84	530.60	524.64	527.30
TRADE	246,200	245,600	244,200	31.2	31.5	30.2	9.05	9.07	8.64	282.36	285.70	260.93
WHOLESALE TRADE	55,100	55,200	55,000	40.1	40.1	38.5	12.01	12.27	11.54	481.60	492.03	444.29
Wholesale Trade - Durable Gds	33,400	33,400	33,200	40.5	40.2	38.4	11.72	11.85	11.51	474.66	476.37	441.98
Wholesale Trade - Nondur Gds	21,700	21,800	21,800	39.5	39.9	38.6	12.47	12.90	11.58	492.57	514.71	446.99
RETAIL TRADE	191,100	190,400	189,200	28.6	29.0	27.9	7.85	7.78	7.47	224.51	225.62	208.41
FINANCE, INSURANCE,REAL ESTATE	52,200	52,200	51,600	35.6	35.5	35.4	10.40	10.32	10.11	370.24	366.36	357.89
SERVICES	280,800	280,100	274,400	29.8	30.4	30.3	10.00	9.91	9.45	298.00	301.26	286.34

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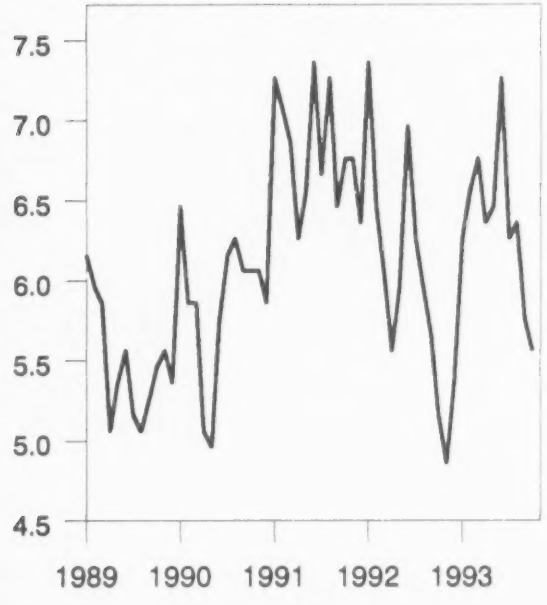
St. Louis MSA Unemployment Rate



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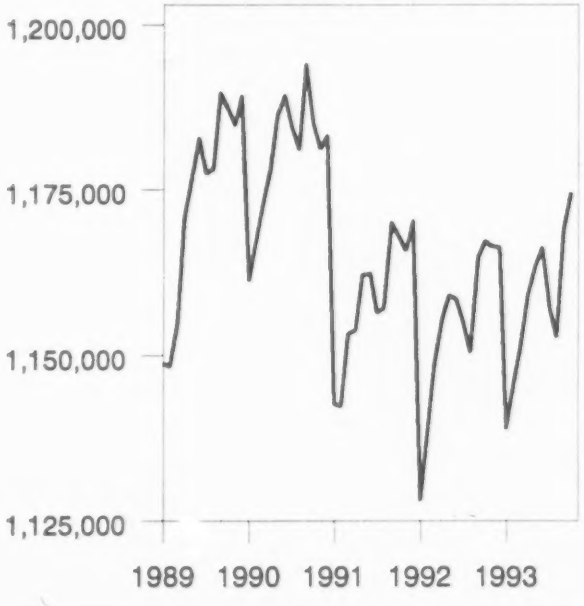

Kansas City Labor Market Review

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Area Labor Force Conditions

The Kansas City metropolitan area's unemployment rate continued to fall, edging down from a revised 5.0 percent in September to 4.8 percent of the labor force in October 1993. The number of unemployed persons declined to 42,500, dropping by 900 from last month's total of 43,400. Unemployment in the area has fallen by more than 10,500 since it peaked in June. Despite the monthly improvement, the number of jobless was higher than last year's October figures by more than 4,000, and the rate was three tenths of a percentage point higher.

Total employment also continued to rise in October, increasing by another 4,800 persons for a total of 838,400. Since August, employment has grown by 7,500 and is up by 18,400 persons over the year. While unemployment in 1993 has persisted at somewhat higher levels than in 1992, total employment showed, for the second consecutive month, considerable improvement over 1992 levels. The total civilian labor force expanded by 3,900 persons over the month and by 22,400 over the year.

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

Non-agricultural wage and salary employment grew to 799,200 in October, a gain of 2,000 jobs over the month, above average for October. Usually the area records a small decline in October as losses in services and trade offset gains in school-related employment. This October, sustained growth in construction, retail trade and services delayed the normal decline, accounting for the second-highest number of jobs in 1993 (next to June 1993) and the largest monthly increase for October in more than 10 years. This modest but consistent expansion also contributed to the largest over-the-year increase in October since 1989. Payroll employment was up by 9,500 jobs over October 1992 figures. Over-the-year increases in 1993 averaged more than 9,000 jobs, higher than comparable changes from 1991 to 1992.

The most notable gain in the area occurred in construction, which added 800 jobs over the month, primarily in special trade construction. Improvement in weather conditions and increased building activity, resulting from the continued low interest rates, raised construction employment to 35,200, its highest October figure since the all-time peak in 1987. Since October 1992, the construction industry has added more than 2,000 jobs.

The largest numerical increase in jobs in the area over the month was recorded in government, which added another 1,200 jobs. Additional hiring in area schools accounted for the second consecutive monthly expansion in government jobs.

The normal October employment slump in trade did not occur in 1993. Retail and wholesale trade recorded slightly higher employment totals in October than it did in September, due mainly to modest growth in furniture stores and eating and drinking places, which offset the seasonal losses in building materials and department stores. Automotive dealers and home furnishings and apparel stores contributed to an increase of 1,200 jobs in retail trade over the year. Wholesale trade has remained at 57,000 for the last four months and is virtually unchanged from last year.

The services industry also edged up slightly over the month. Seasonal losses in amusement and recreation services were offset by additional gains in private education and growth in business services. Services employment was up by 5,000 jobs over last year's levels, with more than a third attributed to expansion in business services and the remainder scattered broadly across the industry group.

Employment in finance, insurance and real estate was unchanged over the month. Over the year this industry, boosted by growth in real estate, added 1,700 jobs.

Transportation, communications and utilities posted a modest decline in October, due to small losses in trucking and warehousing and in communications. However, gains in the trucking and warehousing component accounted for an additional 1,000 jobs in the industry over the year.

Manufacturing employment recorded a slight decline in October, falling to 102,000 jobs. Scattered losses in non-durable goods held total jobs in the industry slightly under the September level. Over-the-year cutbacks in defense-related fabricated metals and transportation equipment accounted for a decline of 2,200 jobs from October 1992 to October 1993.

Employment and Unemployment Forecast

Unemployment is expected to continue to edge down in November. Seasonal job losses in services and construction will be offset by pre-holiday seasonal hiring in retail trade and further increases in government.

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment — Kansas City MSA

Item	Number of Jobs			Change from:	
	Oct. 1993[P]	Sept. 1993	Oct. 1992	Sept. 1993	Oct. 1992
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	799,200	797,200	789,700	2,000	9,500
GOODS PRODUCING	137,300	136,700	137,400	600	-100
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	35,200	34,400	33,100	800	2,100
General Building Contractors	6,600	6,400	6,200	200	400
Special Trade Contractors	23,100	22,600	21,600	500	1,500
MANUFACTURING	102,100	102,300	104,300	-200	-2,200
DURABLE GOODS	47,600	47,600	48,800	0	-1,200
Lumber, Wood, Furniture	3,300	3,300	3,200	0	100
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	3,400	3,400	3,100	0	300
Fabricated Metal Products	12,100	12,000	12,700	100	-600
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	7,100	7,100	7,000	0	100
Electronic & Other ElectricalEquipment	7,300	7,200	7,300	100	0
Transportation Equipment	8,300	8,300	9,300	0	-1,000
NONDURABLE GOODS	54,500	54,700	55,500	-200	-1,000
Food & Kindred Products	7,600	7,700	8,000	-100	-400
Paper & Allied Products	6,100	6,100	6,200	0	-100
Printing & Publishing	21,900	21,900	22,000	0	-100
Chemicals & Allied Products	9,500	9,500	10,000	0	-500
SERVICE PRODUCING	661,900	660,500	652,300	1,400	9,600
PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING	535,300	535,100	526,500	200	8,800
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	65,400	65,800	64,400	-400	1,000
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	25,400	25,700	25,100	-300	300
Railroad Transportation	4,600	4,600	4,600	0	0
Trucking & Warehousing	20,200	20,500	19,200	-300	1,000
Transportation by Air	6,900	6,900	7,300	0	-400
TRADE	199,000	198,600	197,900	400	1,100
WHOLESALE TRADE	57,000	56,900	57,100	100	-100
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	34,800	34,600	34,800	200	0
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	22,200	22,300	22,300	-100	-100
RETAIL TRADE	142,000	141,700	140,800	300	1,200
Building materials & garden supplies	6,500	6,600	6,300	-100	200
General merchandise stores	21,300	21,400	21,200	-100	100
Food stores	19,200	19,100	19,100	100	100
Automotive dealers/service stations	16,200	16,200	15,300	0	900
Apparel & accessory stores	6,100	6,100	6,100	0	0
Furniture & homefurnishing stores	6,000	5,900	5,400	100	600
Eating & drinking places	50,100	49,900	49,600	200	500
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	61,500	61,500	59,800	0	1,700
Depository Institutions	15,200	15,200	15,100	0	100
SERVICES	209,400	209,200	204,400	200	5,000
Personal Services	10,200	10,400	10,200	-200	0
Business Services	45,900	45,500	44,000	400	1,900
Automotive & miscellaneous repair services	8,600	8,600	8,500	0	100
Amusement & Recreation Services / Movie	10,900	11,500	10,200	-600	700
Health Services	61,000	61,200	60,600	-200	400
Legal Services	6,500	6,500	6,700	0	-200
Educational Services (private)	8,500	7,900	7,700	600	800
Social Services	11,700	11,800	11,300	-100	400
Membership Organizations	13,400	13,300	13,000	100	400
Engineering & Management Services	19,500	19,500	19,300	0	200
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	126,600	125,400	125,800	1,200	800
TOTAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	31,000	31,000	31,700	0	-700
TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT	18,500	18,800	18,100	-300	400
TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT	77,100	75,600	76,000	1,500	1,100

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Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings — Kansas City MSA

Industry	Production Workers			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			Average Weekly Earnings		
	Oct 1993[P]	Sept 1993	Oct 1992	Oct 1993[P]	Sept 1993	Oct 1992	Oct 1993[P]	Sept 1993	Oct 1992	Oct 1993[P]	Sept 1993	Oct 1992
GOODS PRODUCING	97,000	96,000	96,600	41.3	40.8	40.4	$14.37	$14.53	$13.93	$593.48	$592.82	$562.77
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	27,900	26,500	25,400	39.4	36.7	37.7	17.37	17.19	16.59	684.38	630.87	625.44
MANUFACTURING	69,100	69,500	71,200	42.0	42.4	41.4	13.23	13.66	13.06	555.66	579.18	540.68
DURABLE GOODS	33,600	33,700	34,600	42.5	43.8	42.0	14.12	14.76	14.02	600.10	646.49	588.84
Lumber, Wood, Furniture	2,400	2,500	2,400	42.2	41.6	41.4	9.34	9.78	9.24	394.15	406.85	382.54
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2,700	2,700	2,600	38.9	40.9	45.6	12.33	13.43	13.58	479.64	549.29	619.25
Fabricated Metal Products	6,800	6,700	7,200	40.6	41.1	40.2	12.71	13.61	12.63	516.03	559.37	507.73
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	5,000	5,000	4,700	41.9	43.4	40.8	12.51	12.66	12.20	524.17	549.44	497.76
Electronic & Other Electrical Eqp	5,300	5,400	5,300	40.8	41.6	42.9	13.31	13.68	12.77	543.05	569.09	547.83
Transportation Equipment	7,500	7,500	8,500	44.4	47.8	40.9	18.43	19.27	18.16	818.29	921.11	742.74
NONDURABLE GOODS	35,500	35,800	36,600	41.6	41.1	40.9	12.37	12.55	12.14	514.59	515.81	496.53
Food & Kindred Products	5,900	6,000	6,300	41.7	39.2	40.4	12.40	12.29	11.43	517.08	481.77	461.77
Paper & Allied Products	4,700	4,700	4,800	44.7	42.9	39.7	11.15	12.01	11.33	498.41	515.23	449.80
Chemicals & Allied Products	3,700	3,800	4,200	40.6	41.5	40.9	17.67	17.47	16.74	717.40	725.01	684.67
PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING	428,500	430,200	421,800	34.0	33.4	33.6	10.20	10.25	10.13	346.80	342.35	340.37
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILS	35,600	35,500	34,800	41.4	40.6	41.1	16.56	16.37	16.59	685.58	664.62	681.85
TRADE	169,800	170,900	168,600	31.8	32.0	31.9	8.41	8.41	8.52	267.44	269.12	271.79
WHOLESALE TRADE	46,100	46,200	46,600	38.8	38.5	39.9	11.56	11.48	11.54	448.53	441.98	460.45
Wholesale Trade - Durable Gds	28,200	28,200	28,200	39.7	39.1	40.3	12.02	11.80	11.54	477.19	461.38	465.06
Wholesale Trade - Nondur Gds	17,900	18,000	18,400	37.4	37.5	39.3	10.79	10.97	11.55	403.55	411.38	453.92
RETAIL TRADE	123,700	124,700	122,000	29.2	29.6	28.9	6.85	6.93	6.93	200.02	205.13	200.28
FINANCE, INSURANCE,REAL ESTATE	48,000	48,000	46,300	38.3	36.5	38.6	10.62	10.46	11.02	406.75	381.79	425.37
SERVICES	175,100	175,800	172,100	33.4	32.4	32.3	10.11	10.42	9.74	337.67	337.61	314.60

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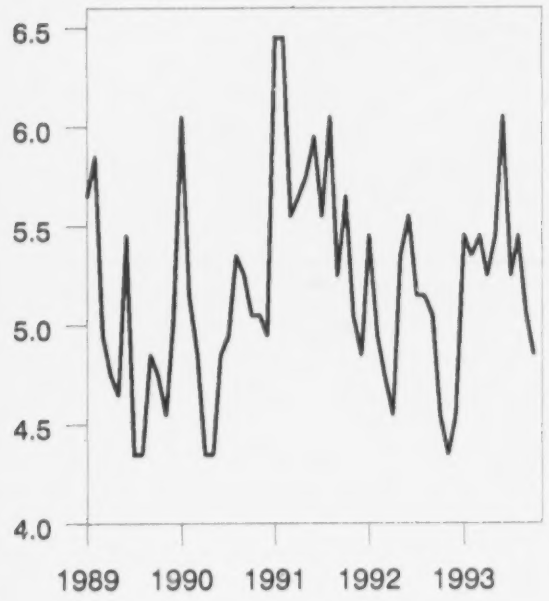
Kansas City MSA Unemployment Rate



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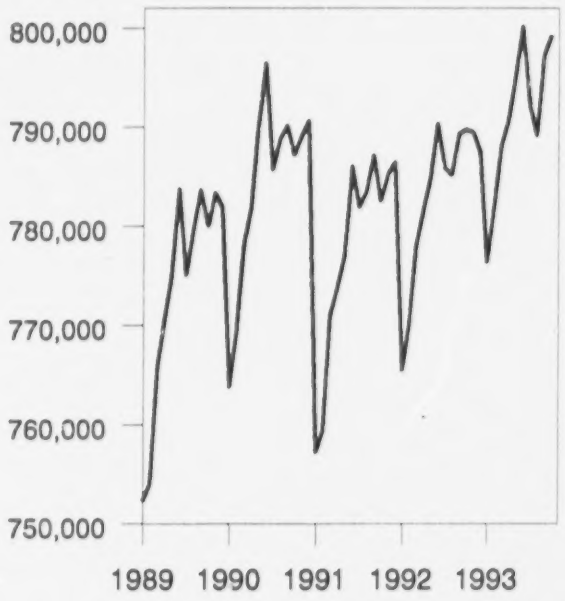

Springfield Labor Market Review

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Civilian Labor Force Employment and Unemployment

The October civilian labor force in the Springfield MSA expanded by 2,000 from September to reach 142,000. Total employment, estimated at 136,100, showed an increase of 1,900. The number of unemployed persons increased from 5,700 in September to 5,900 in October. The unemployment rate, at 4.1 percent, was unchanged from September 1993. During October 1992, there were 6,200 workers unemployed and the rate of unemployment was 4.5 percent.

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose 1,000 from September to reach 132,500 in October, with gains in both nonmanufacturing and manufacturing. The manufacturing sector had increases of 300 in durable goods and 100 in nondurable goods. Nonmanufacturing industries showing significant changes in employment levels since September included construction, up 100; trade, down 100; services, up 200, and government, up 500. The increase in government employment reflected continued job gains at state, local and private educational institutions as the fall school term commenced.

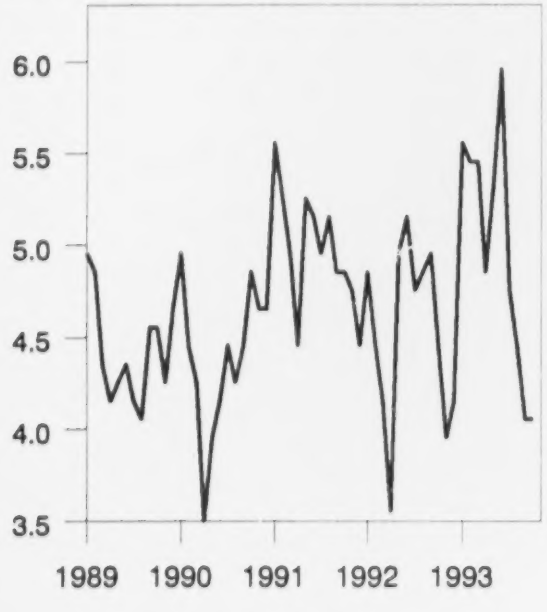
Hours and Earnings

The average weekly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers dropped from $419.09 in September to $411.07 in October. The average factory work week was down 1.0 hours to 40.7 hours in October. Average hourly earnings rose five cents to $10.10. Average hourly earnings in October 1992 stood at $10.09.

Employment and Unemployment Outlook

Payroll employment is expected to remain near the current level during November. Layoffs in construction and manufacturing should be offset by seasonal hiring in the retail industry as the Christmas season approaches.

Springfield MSA Unemployment Rate



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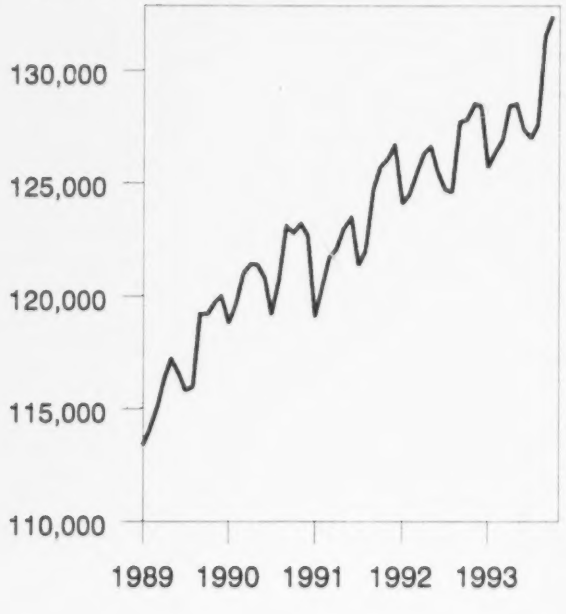

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment — Springfield MSA

Item	Number of Jobs			Change from:	
	Oct. 1993P	Sept. 1993	Oct. 1992	Sept. 1993	Oct. 1992
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	132,400	131,500	127,800	900	4,600
GOODS PRODUCING	25,600	25,200	24,900	400	700
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	5,200	5,100	5,000	100	200
MANUFACTURING	20,400	20,100	19,900	300	500
DURABLE GOODS	9,500	9,300	9,500	200	0
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	2,600	2,600	2,500	0	100
Electronic & Other ElectricalEquipment	2,900	2,900	3,300	0	-400
NONDURABLE GOODS	10,900	10,800	10,400	100	500
Paper & Allied Products	1,400	1,400	1,500	0	-100
Printing & Publishing	2,200	2,100	2,100	100	100
SERVICE PRODUCING	106,800	106,300	102,900	500	3,900
PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING	89,400	89,400	86,300	0	3,100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	7,800	7,900	7,400	-100	400
Railroad Transportation	900	900	900	0	0
TRADE	37,200	37,300	35,900	-100	1,300
WHOLESALE TRADE	11,500	11,500	11,100	0	400
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	6,700	6,700	6,300	0	400
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	4,800	4,800	4,800	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	25,700	25,800	24,800	-100	900
Eating & drinking places	9,600	9,700	9,200	-100	400
Retail Trade exc eating & drinking places	16,100	16,100	15,600	0	500
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	6,000	6,000	5,600	0	400
SERVICES	38,400	38,200	37,400	200	1,000
Personal & Business Services	7,800	7,500	7,300	300	500
Health Services	15,600	15,600	15,700	0	-100
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	17,400	16,900	16,600	500	800
TOTAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	2,100	2,200	2,200	-100	-100
TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT	5,900	5,700	5,500	200	400
TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT	9,400	9,000	8,900	400	500

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Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings — Springfield MSA

Industry	Production Workers			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			Average Weekly Earnings		
	Oct 1993P	Sept 1993	Oct 1992	Oct 1993P	Sept 1993	Oct 1992	Oct 1993P	Sept 1993	Oct 1992	Oct 1993P	Sept 1993	Oct 1992
GOODS PRODUCING	19,100	18,700	18,200	40.4	40.2	38.4	$10.66	$10.56	$10.59	$430.66	$424.51	$406.66
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	4,000	3,900	3,600	39.3	34.4	36.6	12.80	12.90	12.70	503.04	443.76	464.82
MANUFACTURING	15,100	14,800	14,600	40.7	41.7	38.9	10.10	10.05	10.09	411.07	419.09	392.50
DURABLE GOODS	7,100	6,900	7,200	40.8	41.3	38.0	10.12	10.12	9.79	412.90	417.96	372.02
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	1,800	1,800	1,600	39.8	41.5	42.0	11.36	11.12	11.37	452.13	461.48	477.54
Electronic & Other Electrical Eqp	2,300	2,200	2,700	41.6	44.6	32.6	9.53	9.44	9.21	396.45	421.02	300.25
NONDURABLE GOODS	8,000	7,900	7,400	40.6	42.1	39.8	10.09	9.98	10.37	409.65	420.16	412.73
Paper & Allied Products	1,200	1,200	1,200	44.1	38.8	42.3	11.46	11.36	10.85	505.39	440.77	458.95
Printing & Publishing	1,400	1,400	1,300	38.2	38.5	37.0	9.96	10.16	9.82	380.47	391.16	363.34
PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING	73,800	73,600	71,600	34.0	34.1	33.0	7.75	8.02	7.55	263.50	273.48	249.15
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILS	6,400	6,600	6,000	35.0	36.5	33.7	10.34	12.52	10.38	361.90	456.98	349.81
TRADE	33,600	33,400	32,200	32.4	32.9	32.5	7.94	7.96	7.99	257.26	261.88	259.68
WHOLESALE TRADE	9,900	9,700	9,200	39.3	40.1	39.8	11.12	11.21	11.06	437.02	449.52	440.19
Wholesale Trade - Durable Gds	5,700	5,600	5,100	39.6	38.7	40.3	9.60	9.52	9.45	380.16	368.42	380.83
Wholesale Trade - Nondur Gds	4,200	4,100	4,100	38.9	42.0	39.2	13.22	13.32	13.10	514.26	559.44	513.52
RETAIL TRADE	23,700	23,700	23,000	29.5	30.0	29.5	6.18	6.18	6.33	182.31	185.40	186.74
FINANCE, INSURANCE,REAL ESTATE	4,600	4,500	4,000	38.1	34.9	32.1	7.05	7.12	6.38	268.61	248.49	204.80
SERVICES	29,200	29,100	29,400	35.0	34.9	33.6	7.09	7.16	6.64	248.15	249.88	223.10

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